



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, May 18th 2021



UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, May 23th

"More often than you realize it, the world is shaped by two things – stories told and the memories they leave behind." – Vera Nazarian. Join us in the celebration of stories. Our service will be led by **First Parish youth** that will include personal reflections and music!

ZOOM Meeting ID: **987 6010 3683** Passcode: **fpflex**
Join by calling in (646) 876-9923
LIVE Streaming Facebook OR YouTube

Music: The youth of our church will provide music for worship. Soloists **Hayden Herrick** and **Andreas Padilla**, with singer **Kiernan Olsen** and drummer **McKenna O'Hare Gibson** will perform Elton John and Tim Rice's beautiful song "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" (from *The Lion King*). **Ella Wheeler** will sing Kelly Clarkson's deeply moving "Piece by Piece." And pianist **Abby Myerberg** will play Norwegian composer Johan Halvorsen's passionate "Passacaglia" (Based on a theme by Handel) for the postlude.



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

May Theme: Story

I like the story about **Henry David Thoreau**, who, when he was on his death bed, his family sent for a minister. The minister said, "Henry, have you made your peace with God?" Thoreau said, "I didn't know we'd quarreled."

— Stewart Udall



Fun B&G Work Party!

A fun and successful Building and Grounds Work Party was held on



Save the Date

DRUUMM Worship Gathering

Wednesday, May 19 8:30PM (Eastern)



Rev. Mitra Rahnema
Guest Preacher

DRUUMM Worship & Fundraiser

It's easy to become so overwhelmed by the tragedies of the day that we no longer feel human. We must find ways to return to our present human experience; becoming a softer and stronger human, again. This worship will lift up the DRUUMM community and explore the journey toward our human-ness.

Wed, May 19 @ 8:30 PM ET
[RSVP](#) to join

Our DRUUMM Worship & Fundraiser will model our values of intergenerational, multiracial, sacred space.

We are delighted to have the **Reverend Mitra Rahnema** return as our guest preacher joined by **Joshua Long** and **Nicole Rumeau**, Musical Artist.

Our Worship & Fundraiser is an opportunity for the wider world of Unitarian Universalism to connect with DRUUMM and be in community together. The Worship is open to everyone while prioritizing space for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. We particularly encourage our DRUUMM members in multiracial families and White antiracist allies to join.

Saturday, a beautiful morning! **Leaves, branches and debris** from the perimeter of the grounds and driveways were raked up, and invasive plants and weeds were pulled. Gardens were cleaned up and some foliage pruned. Lots of good work in only two hours!

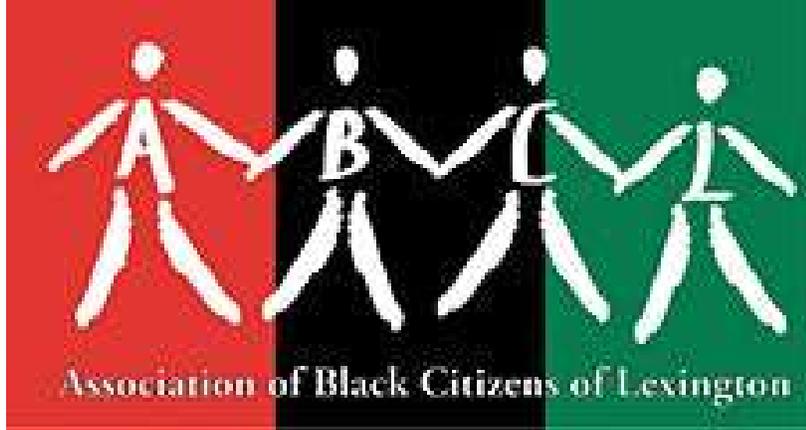
Thanks go out to these tireless workers:

- Vanessa Barss
- Jane Beswick,
- Maureen Bovet
- Amy Breiting
- Dan England
- Dick Fleiss
- Victoria Hardiman
- Tim Jacoby
- Anne Khudari
- Bob Kvaal
- Sara Mannix
- Dave Meharry
- Marja Meharry
- Dave Pollack
- Tom Rich
- Priscilla Ryder
- John Schmitz
- Ben Soule
- Toni Tasker



Meeting This Thu

Join us for the next of our monthly meetings to explore ways of engaging with people **whose political views differ from our own**. We hope to share our experiences and updates in the larger group, to gather into Breakout Rooms with smaller groups, and to pass along news of future events planned by Braver Angels. Bring your stories & your concerns, your ideas & your insights.



Memorial Program for Black Veterans

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that you'll join ABCL for our annual **Black Veterans of Lexington Memorial Program**.

Each year we learn a little more about the deceased Black veterans who lived in Lexington and served in our country's military. And each year, we share stories of the deceased Black veterans who have made a positive mark on our lives.

Come to listen, come to share, come to learn.

Thu, May 20th @ 7:00 PM

Join via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 923 9679 9687 Passcode: 888833

Take care,

Sean D. Osborne
President, ABCL

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Thu, May 20th, 7:30-8:30 PM

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Passcode: Reunited



You might also be interested in revisiting the poignant six-minute [Braver Angels video](#) which summarizes a three-day weekend in southern Ohio evenly split between blue-leaning and red-leaning participants - before and after their time together.

PATIO PARTEES



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Summer Cocktails is rechristened and STILL Happening!

Thank you all for your enthusiastic response to our questions about **organizing small groups for cocktails** in each other's **gardens and yards**. Some of you were especially positive about the gatherings being for drinks only, because it eliminates complications around food, and some were especially concerned to be able to be in groups only with other vaccinated people. All of us, it seems, are really excited about the opportunity to be together again.

The groups could have their initial gatherings as soon as a date can be agreed upon within each group, and the weather gods favor us with good weather. At your meeting, you may choose to arrange a second get together over the summer. Instead of asking you to choose a night of the week in your signup for these summer events, I will just put you in small groups of **6-8 people**, find a host for your initial meeting, and let each group decide when you can get together.

If you would like to participate, please provide the following:

1. The names of the people who will be attending
2. Whether or not you could host your group outdoors
3. Whether you want to be in a group only with other people who are vaccinated

Please fill this [Google Form](#) by **Sunday night, May 23**, and I will try to form the groups, arrange hosts, and email you with the names of your group members by Wednesday, May 26.

— Linda Coyne, Your Organizing Hostess with the Mostess

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